

### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Applicant thanks the Examiner for total consideration given the present application. Claims 1-8 are pending prior to the Office Action. Claims 9-11 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1, 8 and 9 are independent. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims in light of the remarks presented herein, and earnestly seek timely allowance of all pending claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-7. Claims 1-7 have been amended merely to address informal issues and to enhance clarity.

Method claims 9-11 are added to the apparatus claim set of claims 1-7. Independent claim 8 has been amended to incorporate allowable aspects of claim 1.

#### **Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Allison et al. (US 2002/0159387 A1).

For a Section 102 rejection to be proper, the cited reference must teach or suggest each and every claimed element. *See M.P.E.P. 2131; M.P.E.P. 706.02*. Thus, if the cited reference fails to teach or suggest one or more elements, then the rejection is improper and must be withdrawn.

In this instance, Allison fails to teach or suggest each and every claimed element.

#### **Claim limitations not taught:**

For example, independent claim 8 recites, *inter alia*, "a selecting device selecting a center apparatus to be communicated with; and a controlling device controlling the master communicating device so as to send short message data inputted with the master unit input device or short message data received by the master communicating device to the center apparatus when sending the short message data, and to receive short message data from the center apparatus when receiving the short message data, based on the center apparatus selected

by the selecting device, and determining whether or not the short message data received from the center apparatus is addressed to the slave unit, and when the short message data is determined as being addressed to the slave unit, controlling the master communicating device so as to send the received short message data to the slave unit." *Emphasis added.* Allison does not teach or suggest this feature.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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